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TO SECSTATE WASHDC PRIORITY 1068
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TAGS: EAIR, PDIP, DJ, UR
SUBJECT: AEROFLOT OBTAINS TEMPORARY LANDING RIGHTS

1. EMBASSY LEARNED TODAY THAT GROD HAS ACCORDEFSLANDING,
REFUELING AND TURNAROUND RIGHTS DURING SIX MONTHS TRIAL PERIOD
TO SOVIET NATIONAL AIRLINE, AEROFLOT. THIS SERVICE REPORTEDLY
REQUIRED BY AEROFLOT BY BOYCOTT ON ADEN IMPLEMENTED BY CERTAIN
ARAB STATES FOLLOWING RECENT CAIRO ARAB LEAGUE MEETING. DJIBIOUTI
STOP REPLACES ADEN TURNAROUND ON SCHEDULED AEROFLOT FLIGHT
SU 449/450 WHICH LEAVES MOSCOW THURSDAYS AT 18:16 LOCAL AND
STOPS AFSODESSA, CAIRO AND SANA AND NOW WILL ARRIVE DJIBOUTI
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FRIDAY MORNINGS AT 08:05. RETURN FLIGHT WILL LEAVE ONE HOUR

LATER FOR MOSCOW WITH ONLY ONE STOP, IN CAIRO. SERVICE
SHOULD BEGIN 14 JULY. AEROFLOT AGREEMENT WAYBADE ON
BASIS LETTER SIGNED BY G. BAKAEV, AEROFLOT REPRESENTATIVE
IN ADDIS ABABA. A COPY OF THE LETTER, DATED 4, JULY 1978
IS IN POSSESSION EMBASSY.

2. REQUEST ONLY MADE FOR LANDING, REFUELING, FIRE BRIGADE AND USE OF TRANSIT TERMINAL FOR THROUGH PASSENGERS. NO LOCAL PASSENGERS WILL BE PERMITTED TO DISEMBARK/IMBARK ON THIS AEROFLOT FLIGHT. SOURCES CLOSE TO PRESIDENT INDICATE THAT HE IS OPPOSED TO ESTABLISHMENT REGULAR AEROFLOT OFFICE IN DJIBOUTI, AND HE IS ALSO IN OPPOSITION TO EXTENSION PRESENT FREEDOM RIGHTS.

3. WE ARE CERTAIN THAT DJIBOUTIANS LOOK UPON AEROFLOT ENTRY AS STRAIGHT COMMERCIAL OPPORTUNITY WHICH WILL AT SAME TIME ENHANCE DJIBOUTI AIRPORT'S POTENTIAL AS REGIONAL TRANSPORT CENTER. AEROFLOT IS THE FIRST NEW AIRLINE TO COME TO DJIBOUTI SINCE ITS INDEPENDENCE ONE YEAR AGO.

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